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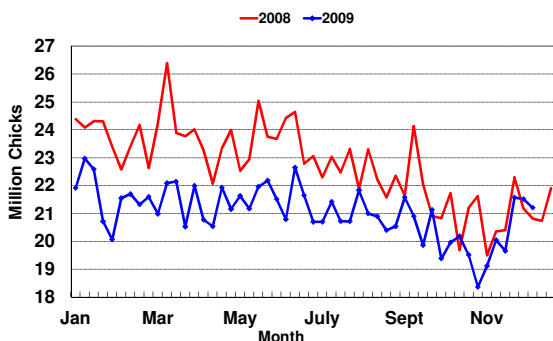
Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.2 million during the week ending December 19, 2009. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but down 1 percent from the previous week.

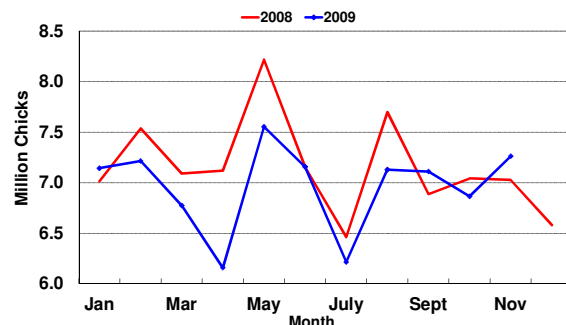
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 19, 2009, virtually unchanged from the same period last year but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.26 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2009, up 3 percent from November 2008.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 21, 2009 - December 19, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec
Alabama	28,480	28,719 *	29,465	29,548	29,459	18,285	18,215	21,077	20,232	20,436
Arkansas	23,732	24,268 *	22,541	23,852 *	24,307	20,045	19,658	21,571	21,515 *	21,206
Delaware	3,781	3,366	3,102	3,377 *	3,425	3,924	4,871	4,961	4,097 *	4,836
Florida	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,327	1,297	1,021	1,017	821	1,010	1,015
Georgia	30,497	31,283	31,043	31,544	31,147	22,950	24,256	25,026	25,688	26,389
Kentucky	7,909	8,027 *	8,047	8,005	7,998	6,118	6,430	6,290	6,069	6,250
Louisiana	3,440	3,304	3,424	3,349	3,349	2,594	2,687	2,969	3,075	3,022
Maryland	8,711	8,698	8,922	8,918	9,006	5,927	5,870	5,385	6,828 *	6,024
Mississippi	18,511	18,620	18,271	18,780	18,882	13,563	15,374	15,785	15,903	16,187
N. Carolina	18,986	19,214 *	18,243	18,823 *	18,909	14,690	15,281	15,379	15,505	15,671
Oklahoma	7,082	7,210 *	6,869	6,930 *	7,170	3,587	5,392	4,322	3,869	5,228
Pennsylvania	3,830	3,857	3,614 *	4,096 *	3,954	2,951	2,833	3,185 *	3,037 *	3,125
S. Carolina	5,375	5,613	5,685	5,589	5,825	4,441	4,726	5,199	4,586	4,656
Texas	15,681	15,694 *	15,302	15,689	15,273	12,188	13,330	13,414	13,631	13,575
Virginia	6,222	6,201	6,193	5,968	6,114	4,856	4,173	4,973	5,065	4,966
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,294	17,227	17,736 *	19,336 *	18,592	14,010	14,316 *	15,943 *	16,827 *	15,848
19 State Total	201,860	202,630 *	199,786 *	205,131 *	204,707	151,150	158,429 *	166,300 *	166,937 *	168,434
Prev. Year Total	203,681	204,719	200,741	205,041	203,388	152,410	159,463	166,189	167,904	168,272
% of Prev. Year	99	99	100	100	101	99	99	100	99	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2009. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 19, 2009 were 8.45 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.